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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO PEKING

1. FRENCH DEPUTY (UNION CENTRISTE) FRANCOIS D'HARCOURT TOLD EMBOFFS HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING DEPUTY ANDRE BETTENCOURT AND OTHER PARLIAMENTARIANS TO PEKING IN EARLY JUNE. BETTENCOURT SHOULD ARRIVE JUNE 3 OR 4 AND D'HARCOURT A FEW DAYS LATER. GROUP IS DRAWN FROM FRANCO/ CHINESE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE FOR THE TRIP IS TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL EXPOSITION WHICH OPENED RECENTLY IN PEKING.

2. BETTENCOURT VISITED PRC IN JANUARY 1964 WHEN FRANCE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRC. IN 1970, WHEN HE WAS MINISTER DELEGATE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRIMIN (CHABAN DELMAS) OFFICE, BETTENCOURT WAS THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE GOF TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO PRC (JULY 7 - 22).

3. D'HARCOURT TOLD ONE EMBOFF THAT POMPIDOU'S ILLNESS DURING HIS TRIP TO CHINA HAD PREVENTED DISCUSSION OF "SOME MATTERS OF INTEREST" TO FRENCH, AND BETTENCOURT
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MISSION WOULD CARRY ON WHERE POMPIDOU LEFT OFF. QUAI

OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, SAID THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY FORMAL GOVERNMENTAL MISSION.

4. D'HARCOURT SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE TIME TO CONTACT USLO OFFICERS, AND EMBOFF PROVIDED NAMES OF JENKINS AND ANDERSON.
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